



# GLOBAL SHELTER CLUSTER

Coordinating Humanitarian Shelter and Settlements

## VISION

THE GLOBAL SHELTER CLUSTER ENVISIONS A WORLD WHERE ALL PEOPLE AFFECTED BY HUMANITARIAN CRISES HAVE TIMELY ACCESS TO SAFE, DIGNIFIED, AND APPROPRIATE SHELTER AND SETTLEMENT SOLUTIONS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HUMANITARIAN PRINCIPLES AND THE RIGHT TO ADEQUATE HOUSING.

EVIDENCE AND  
INNOVATION

## OBJECTIVE

TO ACHIEVE THIS VISION, THE GLOBAL SHELTER CLUSTER PARTNERS WILL LEAD EFFECTIVE, EFFICIENT, AND ACCOUNTABLE HUMANITARIAN SHELTER AND SETTLEMENT ACTION TO ACHIEVE EXTENDED IMPACT AND OPTIMAL REACH.

COORDINATION  
AND  
COLLABORATION

ENABLERS

### EXTENDED IMPACT

- ✓ PROMOTE INTEGRATED APPROACHES TO PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE
- ✓ IMPROVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
- ✓ ENABLE SAFE, SECURE, ACCESSIBLE, AND PROTECTIVE LIVING CONDITIONS
- ✓ PLAN AND ADVOCATE FOR RECOVERY AND DURABLE SHELTER SOLUTIONS FROM THE START

### STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

### OPTIMAL REACH

- ✓ ADVOCATE FOR SHELTER AND SETTLEMENT RESPONSES TO BE PRIORITIZED AND RESOURCED
- ✓ IMPROVE TARGETING OF THE MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE
- ✓ ACHIEVE GREATER SCALE OF COVERAGE

ENABLERS

ACCOUNTABILITY  
TO AFFECTED  
POPULATIONS

LOCALIZATION

ADVOCACY

IMPLEMENTATION MODALITY

BUILDING CAPACITY



## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

### EXTENDED IMPACT

#### PROMOTE INTEGRATED APPROACHES TO PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

- Emphasize that shelter is a foundation for wider outcomes
- Demonstrate the consequences of inaction
- Achieve a multi-sectoral approach through linked or joint programming.
- Adopt a settlement approach

#### IMPROVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

- Prioritize environmental considerations in organizational strategies, guidance, and tools
- Strengthen capacity to deliver environmentally sustainable and climate-smart approaches
- Foster an integrated approach to environmental protection and climate change mitigation and adaptation
- Implement locally appropriate shelter solutions

#### ENABLE SAFE, SECURE, ACCESSIBLE, AND PROTECTIVE LIVING CONDITIONS

- Promote the centrality of protection
- Mitigate protection risks, including gender-based violence and sexual exploitation and abuse
- Be accountable for actions to promote inclusion, considering age, gender, and disability
- Promote housing, land, and property rights

#### PLAN AND ADVOCATE FOR RECOVERY AND DURABLE SHELTER SOLUTIONS FROM THE START

- Foster incremental recovery through long-term planning to increase community resilience
- Apply disaster risk reduction principles
- Support self-recovery and self-reliance to achieve locally appropriate solutions
- Adopt durable Shelter solutions
- Transition international coordination mechanisms to local systems

### OPTIMAL REACH

#### ADVOCATE FOR SHELTER AND SETTLEMENT RESPONSES TO BE PRIORITIZED AND RESOURCED

- Respond in a timely and appropriate manner
- Strengthen preparedness, contingency planning and anticipatory action
- Mobilize adequate resources
- Increase donor engagement

#### IMPROVE TARGETING OF THE MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE

- Include marginalized populations
- Apply a shelter-severity classification
- Advocate for humanitarian access to affected populations
- Use area-based coordination
- Consider urban, peri-urban, and rural contexts

#### ACHIEVE GREATER SCALE OF COVERAGE

- Optimize cost versus quality
- Increase multiplier effect
- Use cash and market systems